## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor structure, comprising:
  - a substrate;
  - a buffer layer formed on the substrate;
  - a first layer formed above the [substrate] buffer layer; and
  - a textured nitride layer formed on the first layer.
- 2. (Original) The structure of claim 1, further comprising at least one of: a dielectric layer and a metal layer formed above the textured nitride layer.
- 3. (Canceled)
- 4. (Currently Amended) The structure of claim [3] 1, further comprising at least one of: a GaN layer and an AlInGaN layer formed between the buffer layer and the first layer.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The structure of claim 1, further comprising a light emitting structure formed between the [substrate] buffer layer and the first layer.

- 6. (Original) The structure of claim 1, wherein the structure is used as a semiconductor device comprising at least one of: a field effect transistor, a light emitting diode, and a laser.
- 7. (Original) The structure of claim 1, wherein the first layer comprises a crystalline nitride layer.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The structure of claim 1, wherein the textured nitride layer partially covers the first [layer] layer.
- 9. (Original) The structure of claim 8, wherein the textured nitride layer forms at least one of: a stripe pattern and a circle pattern.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The structure of claim [7] 1, wherein the first layer and the textured nitride layer comprise a gate barrier structure.
- 11. (Original) The structure of claim 10, further comprising at least one contact formed on the gate barrier structure.
- 12. (Original) A field effect transistor comprising:
  - a substrate;
  - an active layer formed above the substrate;
  - a crystalline nitride layer formed above the active layer; and
  - a textured nitride layer formed on the crystalline nitride layer.

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- 13. (Original) The field effect transistor of claim 12, wherein the crystalline nitride layer and the textured nitride layer comprise a gate barrier structure.
- 14. (Original) The field effect transistor of claim 13, further comprising at least one of: a source contact, a drain contact, and a gate contact formed above the textured nitride layer.
- 15. (Original) The field effect transistor of claim 12, further comprising at least one of: a source contact, a drain contact, and a gate contact formed beside the textured nitride layer.
- 16. (Original) The field effect transistor of claim 12, wherein the nitride layer forms a layered recessed gate structure for at least one of: a source contact, a drain contact, and a gate contact.
- 17. (Original) The field effect transistor of claim 12, further comprising a passivating layer formed above the textured nitride layer.
- 18. (Original) A light emitting device, comprising:
  - a substrate;
  - an n-type layer formed above the substrate;
  - a light emitting structure formed above the n-type layer;
  - a p-type crystalline nitride layer formed above the light emitting structure; and
  - a textured nitride layer formed on the crystalline nitride layer.

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- 19. (Original) The device of claim 18, further comprising a p-type contact formed above the textured nitride layer.
- 20. (Original) The device of claim 18, wherein the device comprises at least one of: a light emitting diode and a laser.